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The following are my deep concerns for

Cal Agriculture w/ Cal Fed involvement.

Cal-Fed Key Statements—Regional

3 People throughout California benefit from the state's highly productive farmland, whether they work on the land, live in rural communities or shop at a grocery store in the city. Actions that hurt our rural areas hurt our cities too, because thousands of urban jobs involve moving, processing and marketing farm products from the country. People in the cities need the affordable, high-quality food produced on California farms. The people of California—urban and rural—will work together to assure reliable water supplies for our future. *(City interest)*

Nearly half the state's developed water supply already goes to environmental uses. Cal-Fed plans would redirect even more water away from people. This comes at a time when our growing population will need more water to sustain itself. Cal-Fed must make a strong and specific commitment to enhance water supplies and reliability for the people of California. *(City interest)*

The outline of Cal-Fed's proposed Solution Area is genuinely alarming. It includes the entire North Coast, the entire Central Coast, the entire South Coast and watersheds in Southern California export areas. It includes many areas that have no direct relation to the bay-delta. This attempt to broaden Cal-Fed's reach beyond its basic mission undermines the credibility of the entire program. *(Coastal, southern interest)*

1 Cal-Fed agencies have already spent hundreds of millions of dollars in piecemeal purchases of agricultural land. The new Cal-Fed plan calls for conversion of hundreds of thousands more acres. That doesn't count farmland that may be taken out of production in pursuit of other federal, state or local policies. For the sake of our rural communities, Cal-Fed must minimize these losses. *(Delta, Central Valley interest)*

2 Farmers prefer voluntary habitat-restoration programs. But some of Cal-Fed's proposals would be as voluntary as paying taxes. Farmers who foresee the end of their livelihoods through over-regulation may enter into some of these supposedly voluntary programs out of desperation. Cal-Fed instead should promote a true incentive-based approach that allows both farmers and the environment to thrive. *(Delta, Central Valley interest)*

Cal-Fed faced a test this spring, and flunked. When water supplies were jeopardized in the San Joaquin and Santa Clara valleys—after five straight wet years—it proved that the needs of smelt and other fish trump people's needs every time. Cal-Fed can and must enhance water supplies to assure we have enough water for both fish and people, in wet years and dry years. *(San Joaquin Valley, San Jose interest)*

Farmlands in certain parts of the San Joaquin Valley face severe drainage problems. Cal-Fed makes no accommodation for this. Drainage is essential to maintain irrigated farming and Cal-Fed must address drainage problems. *(San Joaquin Valley interest)*